

REMARKS

This paper cancels previously rejected claims 1-7, 10, 12-14, 16 and 17, which rejections were affirmed by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (the “**Board**”) in the Decision on Appeal that issued on August 29, 2011 (the “**Decision**”). This paper also amends previously rejected claim 18, which rejection was overturned by the Board’s Decision, to correct a typographical error, and adds new claims 22-28 which depend from claim 18. Support for this amendment can be found throughout the specification as originally filed, including original claims 2-7. No new matter has been added.

The Applicants believe that, upon entry of the current amendment, the application will be in condition for allowance. If that is not the case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below to authorize the correction of any formal deficiencies or typographical errors by way of an Examiner’s amendment.

CONCLUSION

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order and such action is respectfully requested.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this Amendment or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at (617) 951-8753 so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-4047 (7061772001).

Respectfully submitted,

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